

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-003

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR ELECTRIC, GAS, WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-019, DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Castroville, Texas deems it reasonable and necessary to revise electric, gas, water, and sewer service rates to provide adequate revenues to meet the operation and maintenance expenses, the retirement of debt, and other financial requirements deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Castroville, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the following rates for Commercial and Residential gas usage shall be implemented and become effective on October 1, 2016.

Gas usage shall be calculated as follows:

GAS

INSIDE CITY LIMITS:

| Usage | RESIDENTIAL RATE | COMMERCIAL RATE* |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Monthly Minimum Bill | \$11.53 | \$14.09 |
| Per 1,000 CU FT | \$8.84 + CITY COST | \$8.84 + CITY COST |

* Rate applies to City accounts.

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:

| Usage | RESIDENTIAL RATE | COMMERCIAL RATE |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Monthly Minimum Bill | \$14.42 | \$17.62 |
| Per 1,000 CU FT | \$11.05 + CITY COST | \$11.05 + CITY COST |

Section 2. That the following rates for Commercial and Residential water usage shall be implemented and become effective October 1, 2016.

WATER

INSIDE CITY LIMITS:

| | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Monthly Minimum Bill | \$19.39 | \$24.23 |
| Volumetric Rates: | | |
| 0 to 5,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$4.56 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$4.56 PER 1,000 |
| 5,001 to 10,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$4.88 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$4.88 PER 1,000 |
| 10,001 to 20,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$5.39 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$5.39 PER 1,000 |
| 20,001 to 30,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$5.70 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$5.70 PER 1,000 |
| 30,001 to 40,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$6.01 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$6.01 PER 1,000 |
| 40,001 to 50,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$6.33 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$6.33 PER 1,000 |
| OVER 50,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$7.28 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$7.28 PER 1,000 |

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:

| | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Monthly Minimum Bill | \$24.24 | \$30.29 |
| Volumetric Rates: | | |
| 0 to 5,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$5.70 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$5.70 PER 1,000 |
| 5,001 to 10,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$6.10 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$6.10 PER 1,000 |
| 10,001 to 20,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$6.74 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$6.74 PER 1,000 |
| 20,001 to 30,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$7.13 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$7.13 PER 1,000 |
| 30,001 to 40,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$7.51 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$7.51 PER 1,000 |
| 40,001 to 50,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$7.91 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$7.91 PER 1,000 |
| OVER 50,000 GALLONS | PLUS \$9.10 PER 1,000 | PLUS \$9.10 PER 1,000 |

Section 3. That the following rates for Commercial and Residential sewer usage shall be implemented and become effective October 1, 2016.

RESIDENTIAL SEWER

Winter averaging will be used to determine the usage upon which the following rates will be based. The winter averaging formula is as follows:

Actual water use for the preceding months of November, December, January and February is determined. The high usage month is discarded and the remaining three months are averaged to determine the usage upon which the sewer rate is based. Upon determination of the average, the following rates shall be implemented and become effective on October 1, 2016.

SEWER

INSIDE CITY LIMITS

| | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | RATE | RATE |
| Monthly Minimum Bill (up to 2,000 gal.) | \$17.89 | \$25.34 |

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|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Volume/1,000 gallons | PLUS \$7.66/1,000 GAL. | PLUS \$7.66/1,000 GAL |
| OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS | | |
| | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL |
| | RATE | RATE |
| Monthly Minimum Bill (up to 2,000 gal.) | \$22.36 | \$31.68 |
| Over 2,000 gallons | PLUS \$9.58/1,000 GAL. | PLUS \$9.58/1,000 GAL |

Section 4. That the following rates for Commercial and Residential electric usage shall be implemented and become effective on October 1, 2016.

Electric usage shall be calculated as follows:

ELECTRIC

INSIDE CITY LIMITS:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Usage | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL |
| | RATE | RATE |
| MONTHLY MINIMUM BILL | \$ 9.40 | \$24.69 |
| METERED USAGE | \$ per KWH 0.1304 | \$ per KWH 0.1304 |
| | SENIOR CITIZEN | |
| | RESIDENTIAL RATE | |
| Usage | RATE | |
| MONTHLY MINIMUM BILL | \$ 8.93 | |
| METERED USAGE | \$ per KWH 0.1239 | |

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Usage | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL |
| | RATE | RATE |
| MONTHLY MINIMUM BILL | \$11.75 | \$30.86 |
| METERED USAGE | \$ per KWH 0.1630 | \$ per KWH 0.1630 |
| | SENIOR CITIZEN | |
| | RESIDENTIAL RATE | |
| Usage | RATE | |
| MONTHLY MINIMUM BILL | \$ 11.16 | |
| METERED USAGE | \$ per KWH 0.1549 | |

Section 5. That the following rates for Commercial and Residential garbage collection fees shall be implemented and become effective October 1, 2016.

| GARBAGE | RESIDENTAL RATE | COMMERCIAL RATE |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| SERVICE FEE PLUS CONTRACT COST | \$2.00 | \$2.50 |

Section 6. That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2016.



JEFFREY S. GARDNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DEBRA HOWE, CITY SECRETARY